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## **RESPONSE**

In response to the Official Action mailed December 4, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group III, namely claim 12, drawn to a method. In response to the Election of Species Requirement, set forth on page 3, in response to A, the Applicants hereby elect four plates, and in response to B, the Applicants elect cysteinyl protease. Species C and D set forth on page 2 of the Action are moot in light of the election of Group III. All of the elections made in this response are with traverse. All claims read on the elected species.

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